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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA --GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
OF BOLIVIA, HUGO BANZER SUAREZ

1. SUMMARY--PRESIDENT BANZER URGED AN END TO THE ARMS RACE AND INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRAFFICKING. IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FIELD, HE STATED THAT INTERDEPENDENCE SHOULD REPLACE DEPENDENCE. HE SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWO UN SPECIAL SESSIONS AND URGED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NORMS AND SANCTIONS TO REGULATE TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. HE ALSO ELABORATED A GENERAL RAW MATERIALS POLICY WHICH INCLUDED AN ASSOCIATION OF PRODUCING COUNTRIES, STEPS TO ACCELERATE THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THOSE COUNTRIES, AND FUNDS TO REGULATE RESERVES. AFTER A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE BOLIVIAN REVOLUTION, BANZER DECLARED THAT IN KEEPING WITH THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF THE TWO CONCERNED PARTIES, THE PANAMA CANAL DISPUTE SHOULD BE SETTLED SOON AND SATISFACTORILY, "ABOVE ALL IN FAVOR OF THE RIGHTS AND SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR BROTHER PEOPLE OF PANAMA." HE THEN REVIEWED THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND CHILE ON BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO THE SEA. HE EXPLAINED THAT BOLIVIA WAS STILL WAITING FOR CHILE'S RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL IT HAD SUBMITTED. BOLIVIA, HE DECLARED, HAD TO HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THE

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SEA. END SUMMARY

2. PRESIDENT BANZER URGED AN END TO THE ARMS RACE AND INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRAFFICKING. THE RESOURCES FORMERLY ALLOCATED TO MILITARY USE COULD THEN BE SPENT ON SOLVING URGENT GLOBAL PROBLEMS.

3. IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC FIELD, BANZER RECALLED PAST EXPLOITATION AND STATED THAT DEPENDENCE SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH INTERDEPENDENCE. HE BELIEVED THAT PAST INJUSTICES SHOULD BE COMPENSATED AND HE SUPPORTED "WITHOUT RESERVATION" RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 6TH AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. IN PARTICULAR, CERDS AND THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION OF NIEO SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. HE ALSO URGED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTRUMENTS WHICH COULD MOBILIZE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO PROMOTE INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT. NOTING THE USE BY TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES OF "BRIBERY" AND "SLANDER" AND THEIR VIOLATIONS OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES, BANZER STATED THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO ENACT NORMS TO REGULATE TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND TO ESTABLISH SANCTIONS AGAINST VIOLATIONS. HE ALSO CALLED FOR AN END TO ECONOMIC AGGRESSION. FINALLY, HE ASSERTED THAT RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS SHOULD ACT IN THEIR OWN DEFENSE BY FORMING AN "UNSHAKABLE UNITED FRONT". WHILE UNCTAD HAD DEVELOPED A PRICE STABILIZATION PLAN, IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME TO ENACT THROUGH RESOLUTIONS. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE TIRED OF WAITING. BANZER ELABORATED A GENERAL RAW MATERIALS POLICY WHICH INCLUDED AN ASSOCIATION OF PRODUCING COUNTRIES, STEPS TO ACCELERATE THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THOSE COUNTRIES, AND FUNDS TO REGULATE RESERVES.

4. BANZER THEN REVIEWED IN DETAIL THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION THAT BOLIVIA WAS UNDERGOING UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES TO CREATE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AND POWER.

5. BANZER RECALLED THAT BOLIVIA SPONSORED A RESOLUTION AT THE INTER-AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN RIO DE JANEIRO IN 1965 "TO REVIEW THE PANAMA CANAL
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TREATY." HE DECLARED THAT IN KEEPING WITH THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE TWO CONCERNED PARTIES, THE PANAMA CANAL DISPUTE SHOULD BE SETTLED SOON AND SATISFACTORILY, "ABOVE ALL IN FAVOR OF THE RIGHTS AND SOVEREIGNTY OF OUR BROTHER PEOPLE OF PANAMA." (COMMENT: BANZER'S REMARKS ON PANAMA RECEIVED WIDESPREAD APPLAUSE.)

5. BANZER ASSERTED THAT BOLIVIA'S DEVELOPMENT WAS

HAMPERED BY THE LACK OF ACCESS TO THE SEA. LIKE ALL LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES, BOLIVIA HAD TO PAY LARGE AMOUNTS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS. HE RECALLED THAT FOR TWELVE YEARS BOLIVIA DID NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE BECAUSE CHILE ALLEGEDLY TOOK UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE OF THE "INTERNATIONAL WATERS" OF THE LAUCA RIVER. BOLIVIA FINALLY INITIATED A DIALOGUE WITH CHILE. AFTER TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF CHILE AT CHARANA, THE TWO SIDES RESUMED RELATIONS WITH THE PURPOSE OF "STUDYING AT THE GOVERNMENT LEVEL THE NECESSITY OF RETURNING OUR MARITIME HERITAGE." BOLIVIA THEN GAVE A PROPOSAL TO CHILE AND BANZER STATED THAT THE CHILEAN PRESIDENT "HAS POSITIVELY RESPONDED TO OUR CONCERNS." BANZER QUOTED FROM THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S UN SPEECH OCT. 7 AND SHARED THE CONFIDENCE THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD EXPRESSED THAT GOOD WILL WOULD ENABLE THE PARTIES TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. YET BANZER ALSO CAUTIONED THAT AGREEMENTS WOULD SOON HAVE "TO COME TO A DEFINITION." THIS COULD NOT BE POSTPONED. BOLIVIA WAS STILL WAITING FOR CHILE'S RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL IT HAD SUBMITTED, WHICH LOOKED TOWARD A BASIC, TOTAL, AND DEFINITIVE SOLUTION FOR BOLIVIA'S FREE AND SOVEREIGN ACCESS TO THE SEA. BOLIVIA, BANZER DECLARED, HAD TO HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THE SEA.

7. BANZER ALSO REGRETTED THAT THE QUESTION OF TERRORISM HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY CONSIDERED BY THE UN. HE ALSO CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO END DRUG TRAFFICKING. MOYNIHAN

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